

# Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Newsletter

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## Updates

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We want to provide you a means of being informed about what is taking place within our walls each quarter of the year. We hope that this will help you to stay informed about the many blessings we are seeing from our Lord above as we serve so many.

In the time since March we have been able to continue our partnership with Bruiser Entertainment, Inc. and had significant involvement of shaping the thematic message of their event to take a stance against violence towards women. We are pleased to have this opportunity to work with them on such an issue that affects so many of our patrons.

Likewise we have been able to be the benefactors of funding from WillRock4Food, and Apollo Career Center's Culinary Arts Program, Miracle Temple Fellowship, as well as the H and B Family Foundation. We are also receiving numerous donations of clothing and fresh eggs from a local person out of Ada, OH who has free-range chickens. We enjoy hard-boiling them and letting the patrons take a few with them for snacking later.

God has revealed himself through the transformation of people's lives here this spring as we have some who are nearing completion of 90 days of sobriety and others who are making similar commitments to begin changing their lives for the better.

"if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)

## Upgrades

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We were able to complete our capital improvements to the compressors and lighting within the kitchen. More efficient lighting in the ceiling has lowered our electric consumption as we replaced the T12 lights with T8's. We upgraded our lighting in the warehouse area significantly, and have been blessed to be able to do so. New Knoxville UCC were most helpful with capital improvement funds.

Additional blessings came in the form of a new compressor for our walk-in cooler and relocation of our freezer compressor to the back area behind our building. This was made possible through APEX Mechanical, Arby's, and Community UMC – Shawnee.

The compressors are now housed in a protective shed built by Crossroads Church of God. This effort will reduce our level of heat in the warehouse during the summer as they were previously in that space generating heat that degraded our dry goods and causing the compressors to work harder to cool the freezer and cooler in that space.

We are most grateful for the generosity of the respective entities that have been so helpful in our making these changes. We look to make more programmatic changes as the year progresses with having opportunities for literacy and community information being available to the people we serve.

# Service

In the first four months of the year we have served 12,117 people with the average number of people being served each month totaling 3,029 a month. Our daily attendance continues to exceed 100 people at the beginning of the month and then by the end of the month we are seeing numbers up towards 250 people in need of a daily meal.

St. Rita's Medical Center Culinary/Dietary Department came and served an incredible meal to the people of Our Daily Bread in May. These events and others help the people who enter our doors to feel valued. We have been able to see transformation in lives during the beginning of the year with people as they have come to recognize there are matters they need to release to God and merely pray for guidance. One such individual needed comfort and encouragement towards an impending surgery that would be needed. We will support and guide them through that time in June.

We have also assisted three individuals in getting to destinations outside of Lima, as they were traveling from places like California to Buffalo, NY, or to Dayton, OH to be with a twin brother for Easter, or a man traveling from New York to Santa Barbara, CA after being with his grandmother upon her death. Although we don't typically help people with travel, we were able to assist them in their circumstances in collaboration with the Lima Rescue Mission.

## Wish List

Coffee	Sugar	Paper Towels	Napkins	
Noodles	Condiments	Salad Dressing	Tin Foil	
Saran Wrap	Prayer	#10 Cans of Vegetables/Fruits		
Printer/Copier/Scanner	or	Reams of Paper	or	HP 56 Printer Cartridges

*Bible study will change to Thursday nights, 6:30p – 8:00p, as of June 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*May God, our Father in Heaven bless you all and keep you safe in all things.*

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